(c) whether Government propose to increase the assistance already announced for Gujarat to meet the situation land if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE iN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) Yes. Sir. The Prime Minister visited *some* of the drought affected areas between 20th and 22nd March, 1986.

(b) The Prime Minister, *Inter-alia,* visited Shikarpur, Anandpur, Bhuj, Rajkot, Matel, Gala, Aradhna Dham, Mova-na, Meda Creek, Porbunder, Sarswa, Rayania, Jamnagar etc.

(c) An additional ceiling of expenditure of Rs. 35.00 crores has been approved for the period upto 31.7.1986 for drink-ater programmes. Thus the total ceiling) of expenditure has been raised from Rs- 82.48 crores to Rs. 117.48 erores approved for drought relief operations during 1985-86 and 1986-87.

श्री शंकर सिंह वाघेला : चेयरमैन सर, प्रधान मंत्री जी ने जब गुजरात के सूखाग्रस्त एरिया का दौरा किया था तो वहां का पूरा तंत्र एक्टिव हो गया था, लेकिन उन के दौरे के बाद वह तंत्र फिर से सुस्त हो गया है और वहां हमारी सरकार सूखा ग्रस्त क्षेत्र के लोगों की मदद नहीं कर रही है और अभी एक महिना बाकी है बारिश होने में और इस बीच में वहां की सरकार और तंत्र सूखा ग्रस्त क्षेत्र की समस्या और पेय जल के प्राबलम को साल्व कर देगी इस में हमें शक है । तो मैं जानना चाहता हूं कि गुजरात सरकार ने कितनी रकम सेंट्रल गवर्नमेंट से पीने के पानी के लिए मांगी थी और मास्टर प्लान कितनी रकम का रखा था और क्या कोई सप्लीमेंटरी मास्टर प्लान भी रखा गया था और उस सब के लिये सेंट्रल गवर्नमेंट ने कितनी रकम सेंक्शन की है ?

श्री योगेन्द्र मकवाणा : मास्टर प्लान पेय They have requested for 86.34 crores in the master plan for drinking water. Out of that, the Government of India has sanctioned Rs. 35 crores—Rs. 17 crores for rural drinking water scheme; Rs. 8 crores for urban drinking water scheme, and Rs. 10 crores for purchase of 110 new tankers, repair of 210 existing tankers and purchase of rigs according to rig plan. So, }„ all Rs. 35 crores have veen sanctioned. *So* far as the Supplementary Memorandum is concerned, wo have received the Supplementary Memorandum from the State Government requesting an additional assistance of Rs. 331.16 crores, which is being examined in the Ministry.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Chartered fishing boats of Taiwan

*62. DR. SHYAM SUNDAR MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that all th© existing chartered finishing boats in our waters are from Taiwan;

(b) whether Government have examined the method by which such Taiwanese boats have entered in the Indian waters; and

(c) what steps are being taken to enquire into the possible motives of the Taiwanese to fish in our waters?

THE MINISTER OF STATE TN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a), to (c) Charter Agreements are entered into by the Indian companies to charter vessels through the various disponent owners located in Singapore, Hong Kong and Japan. The credentials of the disponent owners are verified by the Government before issue of charter permits. As regards vessels ol Taiwanese origin chartered by some

Indian companies, there is no objection to Indian nationals having trade relationship with Taiwan. Taiwanese vessels are, therefore, permitted to be chartered by Indian companies. How-ever, it is not a fact tbat all the aeep sea fishing vessels chartered by Indian companies are Taiwanese.

Reduction in the number of worken in the Geological Survey of India

•68. SHRI RAMKRISHNA MAZUMDER:

SHRI CHITTA BASU:

Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Staff inspection Unit of the Finance Ministry recommended in 1982 reduction in the number of workerg of the drilling department of the Geological Survey of India;

(b) whether the Geological Survey of India employees union has been protesting against this reduction- and

(c) whether Government propose to refrain from implementing the Stalf Inspection Unit recommendations?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI K. C. PANT); (a) to (c). The Staff Inspection Unit (SIU) of the Ministry of Finance submitted a report in October, 1982 recommending staffing norms for the major part of the Drilling Wing of the Geological Survey of lndia (GSI). Based on these staffing norms, surplus in some categories °* staff and deficit in one category have been identified.

The Geological Survey of India Employees' Association have represented that about 400 employees of GSI would face retrenchment on account of implementation of SIU report and that a fresh study by the Departmental Work Study Unit should b$_e$ undertaken befor$_e$ the implementation.

The guidelines circulated by the Department of Science & Technology, dated 28th December, 1983, inuicated that the functions of the Staff Inspection Unit, in respect of Scientific Departments, be entrusted to a team appointed by the Head of the respective S & T Department consisting of the Core Member of the Staff Inspection Unit (Ministry of Finance) and Scientific/Technical personnel from the concerned Department/Agency. The Ministry of Finance had also desired that such a team be formed. DG, GSI has constituted such a team on 18th July, 1985 under the Director (Personnel), GSI to which a Joint Director of the SIU has been nominated as Core Member from the Ministry of Finance. Their report is awaited.

Steel Plant at Chandrapur in Maharashtra

*69. SHRI S. W. DHABE;

SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:

Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the estimated quantity of iron ore available in Chandrapur or Gadchiroli districts cf Maharash tra;

(b) what steps Government propose to take for extracting iron ore and for th$_e$ establishment $_0$f mines in these districts; and

(c) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to set up a steel plant during the Seventh Five Year Plan period in Chandrapur or any other district of Maharashtra?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI K. C. PANT); (a) Estimated reserves of iron ore in the erstwhile Chandrapur Iistrict (now bifurcated into two districts, Gadchiroli and Chandrapur) in Maharashtra ar$_e$ about 162 million tonnes.

(b) Central Government does not propose to establish iron $_0$re mines in these districts.

(c) No, Sir.